

comprising the steps of:

- (i) pre-blending no more than 80% by weight an extract from a lube plant in a distillate; and
- (ii) hydrotreating such a pre-blend in a standard hydrotreator wherein, a hydrotreating catalyst is selected from the group consisting of Nickel-Molybdenum and Nickel-Cobalt, and said hydrotreating process is performed at a pressure in the range of 500 - 1500 psi and at a temperature in the range of 500 - 750 °F.

OBJECTIONS / REJECTIONS AND APPLICANTS' REMARKS

Claim 12 remains in the application, all original claims 1-11 having been cancelled by this amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The Examiner States:

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 5, it is unclear what ratio proportion is intended by the range 1-99%. For example, it is not apparent if applicant means to say that "the proportion of said extract component to said distillate in said pre-blend is in the range of 1:99-99:1" or if the applicant purports to convey a different meaning. Appropriate clarification and/or correction is required

Claims 1 – 11 have been deleted, and Claim 12 has been added herein. Appropriate clarification and/or correction have been made. Applicants believe Claim 12 clearly specifies the properties of aromatic oil made and the method used to make such products.